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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY'S CONSULAR WORKLOAD

REFS: A) SAIGON 4245

B) STATE 076224

C) STATE 768565

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO UPDATE GENERAL INFORMATION ON SITUATION IN VIETNAM AS IT AFFECTS POST'S CONSULAR WORKLOAD AND RESPONSIBILITIES. DEPARTMENT IS RECEIVING NUMEROUS REQUESTS FROM PUBLIC AND CONGRESS FOR INFORMATION AS WELL AS GUIDANCE ON WHAT CAN BE DONE IN RESPECT VARIOUS VISA CASES, WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS, REPATRIATIONS, ETC.

2. (A) LOCAL BANKING SOURCES WITH SAIGON BRANCHES HAVE BEEN CONTACTED WITH RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

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1. CHASE MANHATTAN BANK: TRANSFERS CANNOT RPT NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4/11 WHEN MANAGER RETURNS TO SAIGON. IN THE MEANTIME, CHARTER BANK WILL ACCEPT TRANSFERS FOR CHASE. IN ALL CASES, RECIPIENT MUST BE NOTIFIED BY SENDER TO CALL AT BANK TO COLLECT FUNDS.

2. FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK: NOT ACCEPTING BANK TRANSFERS FOR SAIGON.

3. BANK OF AMERICA: RELUCTANTLY WILLING ACCEPT TRANSFERS BUT WISHES SENDERS CONTACT SAN FRANCISCO HEAD-QUARTERS SO RISKS INVOLVED CAN BE FULLY EXPLAINED.

(B) TO WHAT EXTENT IS EMBASSY ABLE HANDLE SCS TRUST FUND TRANSFERS? (REF. STATE 76224).

3. DEPT. BEGINNING TO RECEIVE PLEAS TO ASSIST IN TRANSMITTING MESSAGES TO RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHO ARE IN VIETNAM BOTH AS USG EMPLOYEES AND AS PRIVATE CITIZENS. THEY ASSERT THAT CABLES, TELEPHONE AND MAIL SERVICES UNRELIABLE. IS NORMAL SERVICE FOR CABLES AND MAIL CONTINUING IN SAIGON AND OUTLYING TOWNS?

4. ASSUME SVG CONTINUING DENY PASSPORTS AND EXIT PERMITS EXCEPT TO WIVES, FIANCES AND MINOR CHILDREN OF US CITIZENS. ARE PASSPORT AND EXIT VISA ALSO ISSUED TO MINOR CHILD WHOSE MOTHER IS US LEGAL RESIDENT ALIEN IN US AND STEPFATHER IS AMCIT?

5. RE EMBASSY'S VISA OPERATIONS, REPLY TO STATE CABLE APRIL 8 CONCERNING TELEGRAPHIC VISA TRAFFIC CAN BE INCORPORATED REPLY THIS MESSAGE.

6. WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS MESSAGES ON AMCITS ARE GENERALLY BEING SENT ONCE A DAY. IS EMBASSY ABLE TAKE ANY ACTION THESE MESSAGES?

7. IF EMBASSY'S PROCESSING OF ANY URGENT VISA OR PASSPORT CASE OR OTHER CONSULAR ACT IS HANDICAPPED BY LACK OF DOCUMENT WHICH MAY BE OBTAINABLE IN US, DEPT. IS PRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARRED TO LEND ASSISTANCE. IN SUCH INSTANCE, PROVIDE FULL DETAILS RE DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT AND INTERESTED PARTIES WHO COULD HELP IN OBTAINING DOCUMENT. KISSINGER

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